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## **February 5, 2007**

# **ADDENDUM**

Please note the following corrections and changes to our Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, Oil and Gas, for the lease sale being held on March 15, 2007.

## ES-084-03/07 ARES 54690 ACQ

PARCEL DELETED (currently under lease ARES 50883)

## ES-089-03/07 ARES 54695 ACQ

PARCEL DELETED (currently under lease ARES 50883)

## ES-105-03/07 MSES 54709 ACQ

Parcel Number Corrected to Read: ES-**103**-03/07 MSES 54709 ACQ Containing lands in Sec. 12, T4N, R1E, Wash. Meridian

#### ES-104-03/07 MSES 54710 ACQ

PARCEL DELETED (currently under leases MSES 34121 and MSES 51618)

## ES-097-03-07 MIES 54703 ACQ

50% U.S. Mineral Interest Only in Sec. 3, Lot 1 and Lot 3

## ES-246-03/07 MSES 54853 ACQ

Corrected Acreage: 400.28 Corrected Rental: \$601.50

## ES-263-03/07 MSES 54869 ACQ

See enclosed stipulations

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# **CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATIONS**

<u>Legal Description:</u> T.1 S., R.13 W., Section 8, NE/4 NW/4 & SW/4 NW/4, St. Stephens Meridian, Forrest County, Mississippi.

1. This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. *These obligations may include a requirement that you provide a cultural resources survey conducted by a professional archaeologist.* The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.

Modification: None

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived by the Authorized Officer if it is documented that a cultural resources survey, which meets professional standards, has been conducted and significant sites, including sites of concern to Native Americans, will not be impacted by development of this lease, or if it is documented that a cultural resources survey is not otherwise required.

Exemptions: An exemption may be granted for a specific development proposal if it is documented that a cultural resources survey, which meets professional standards, has been conducted on the area of proposed development and significant sites, including sites of concern to Native Americans, will not be impacted by development of this lease, or if it is documented that a cultural resources survey is not otherwise required.

2. The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

Modification: None

Exception: None

Waiver: None

3. BLM-approved surveys of suitable gopher tortoise habitat will be required prior to any surface disturbing activities in counties where the tortoise is listed. No surface disturbance is allowed within 25 feet of gopher tortoise burrows.

Objective: To protect gopher tortoise habitat.

Exception: Mowing is the only exception to surface disturbance within 25 feet of burrows.

Modification: Survey requirements may be modified if current tortoise surveys of the tract are approved by BLM and USFWS.

This stipulation will be waived if suitable gopher tortoise habitat does not exist on the tract and the tract does not provide forage habitat for adjacent populations.

4. No surface disturbing activities shall be permitted within 250 feet of permanent or ephemeral surface waters.

Objective: To protect the water quality of watersheds and natural stream substrate and morphology.

Exception: An exception may be granted if the operator agrees to implement measures to adequately protect watershed values. If there is potential for federally or state-listed species downstream of the project, these implementation measures would be developed in consultation with USFWS and in coordination with state agencies.

Modification: In areas where the slope is less than 10% the buffer may be reduced to 100 feet if the adjacent waterway has been surveyed from 100 yards upstream to 300 yards downstream of the site, and results document the lack of suitable/occupied habitat for special status species within the mixing zone downstream of the project, as determined to by BLM and USFWS.

Waiver: None

# **Lease Notices**

- 1. Should the oil or gas be developed at this site, all open vent stack equipment, such as heater-treaters, separators, and dehydrator units, will be designed and constructed to prevent birds and bats from entering or nesting in or on such units, and to the extent practical, to discourage birds from perching on the stacks. Installing cone-shaped mesh covers on all open vents is one suggested method. Flat mesh covers are not expected to discourage perching and will not be acceptable Soil stabilization and erosion control will be reviewed in the application for permit to drill and the Surface Managing Entity (SME) agreement for restoration requirements.
- 2. To discourage the spread of invasive, non-native plants, the operator will be encouraged to use native and/or noninvasive cover plants in seeding mixtures to stabilize disturbed areas and during restoration activities. Final seed mixtures will be formulated in consultation with the private land owner.